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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, it was recovered in full."

Prohibition cases filed in courts.

* 20 *Q.*—SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prohibition cases filed in courts from 1st April 1952 to 31st March 1953; and

(*b*) the number of cases that have been dismissed by the courts for want of evidence?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" (*a*) 118,234 cases.

" (*b*) 6,888 cases."

SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM :—" Are the Government aware that while dismissing certain Prohibition cases, the magistrates have severely condemned the prosecuting authorities for foisting false cases and if so, what steps have the Government taken against such officials? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" The Government have no information to that effect."

SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that a prohibition case was dismissed on the first day of the hearing in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, and what steps have the Government taken against the officer for filing such unsustainable cases? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" A separate question may be put, Sir."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

11-20 a.m. MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The next item in the List of Business is the election of Deputy Chairman.

" Under sub-rule (4) of rule 14 of the Madras Council Rules, I have first to read out to the House the names of the persons who have been duly proposed, together with the names of their proposers and seconders. They are—

Member nominated. (1)	*Proposer.* (2)	*Seconder.* (3)
1 Sri A. M. Allapichai ..	Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy ..	Sri G. Venkatachalam.
2 Sri A. M. Allapichai ..	Sri M. P. Sivagnana Gramani ..	Sri T. Purushotham.
3 Sri A. M. Allapichai ..	Sri S. Narasapayya	Sri K. Bhashyam.